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TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1886.

Annual Meeting of the American Geographical Society, held at Chickering Hall, Tuesday, January 12, 1886, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

Ex-Chief-Justice DALY, President, took the chair.

It was voted, on motion, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

Austin B. Fletcher, Walter Mott Jones, S. Lowell Elliot, C. H. Leete, John R. Abney.

Mr. John Bartholomew, of Edinburgh, was elected a Corresponding Member.

The annual report of the Treasurer, Mr. Walter R. T. Jones, was read by Mr. W. H. H. Moore. The report showed a cash balance of \$357.73. It was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The annual report of the Council was then read, as follows :

NEW YORK, January 12, 1886.

Since the last annual report seven regular meetings of the Society, and six regular and two special meetings of the Council, have been held.

At the annual meeting, January 13, 1885, Prof. F. H. Cushing delivered a lecture entitled "The Discovery of Zuñi, or the Ancient Province of Cibola and the Seven Lost Cities."

On the 26th of February, the Hon. David Dudley Field read a lecture on the "Nomenclature of Cities and Towns in the United States."

On the 19th of March, Mr. Ernest Ingersoll delivered a lecture with the title "How the Settlement of North America has Affected its Wild Animals."

On the 11th of April, a lecture was read by the Hon. J. W. Hoyt, Ex-Governor of Wyoming, on "Wyoming : Its Resources and Wonders."

On the 28th of May, a lecture was delivered by the Hon. Eugene Schuyler, on "The Turcomans and the Russian Advance."

On the 13th of November, Mr. William Bradford read a paper on "Life and Scenery in the Far North."

On the 14th of December, the Hon. S. G. W. Benjamin, ex-U. S. Minister to Persia, delivered a lecture entitled "Persia and the Persians."

Most of these lectures were illustrated with stereopticon views.

The annual report of the Treasurer shows a balance in the treasury of \$357.73.

The publications of the Society have been regularly distributed to its Fellows and Honorary Members, and to the societies with which we exchange.

The Library and Map-Rooms have been enriched by many valuable publications ; the additions for the year amounting to 3,485, including books, charts, maps, and atlases.

WILLIAM REMSEN,

Chairman of Council.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report :
To the American Geographical Society :

The Nominating Committee appointed to select officers to fill vacancies, under resolution of the Society passed at its meeting, December 12, 1884, respectfully report the selection of the following nominees for election in accordance with Chapter V., Section 2, of the By-Laws :

For President—Charles P. Daly, LL.D., term to expire January, 1887.

For Vice-President—Roswell D. Hitchcock, D.D., term to expire January, 1889.

For Recording Secretary—Elial F. Hall, term to expire January, 1889.

For Treasurer—Walter R. T. Jones, term to expire January, 1887.

For Councillors—T. Bailey Myers, Chandler Robbins, Egbert

L. Viele, Theodore W. Dwight, Joseph W. Drexel, terms to expire January, 1889.

(Signed) BENJ. H. FIELD,
HENRY W. DUNSHEE,
JOHN D. JONES,
Nominating Committee.

NEW YORK, January 8, 1886.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the Society proceeded to a ballot, which resulted in the unanimous election of the nominees.

The President then introduced to the meeting Mr. Ernest Ingersoll, who delivered an address entitled "Mountaineering in British America."

On motion, the Society adjourned.

(Signed) ELIAL F. HALL,
Recording Secretary.

Meeting of February 10, 1886, held at Chickering Hall.

Ex-Chief-Justice DALY presided.

The Society, on motion, voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen were duly elected Fellows of the Society :

Henry C. Carter, Harvey Baker.

Gen. G. W. Cullum offered the following resolutions, which were duly seconded and, on motion, unanimously adopted :

"WHEREAS, No accurate map of the State of New York exists, and none is possible without a complete trigonometric survey of the State ; and

"WHEREAS, Such a map is urgently needed by the people of the State, and by all its great interests ; be it

"*Resolved*, That this Society, having full confidence in the scientific correctness and value of the work already accomplished by the New York State Survey, and recognizing the economy and fidelity with which it has been performed, deprecates and regrets the suspension of the Survey ;

"*Resolved*, That the American Geographical Society desires the resumption of the Survey under such continuous management as will exclude from its direction all mere political considerations ;

“*Resolved*, That the records of the State Survey should be printed for preservation ;

“*Resolved*, That a certified copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Governor and to each branch of the Legislature.”

The President then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. B. B. Simmons, for twenty-five years a resident of Japan, and Medical Adviser to the Japanese Government, and head of the National Hospital at Yokohama. Dr. Simmons read a lecture on “The Social Status of the Women of Japan.”

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of March 18, 1886, held at Chickering Hall.

Gen. GEO. W. CULLUM, Vice-President, in the chair.

It was voted, on motion duly seconded, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

P. C. Barker, M.D., Robert Hoe, Prof. C. G. Rockwood, Hon. Jonathan Chace, Verplanck Colvin, J. Remsen Bishop, Hugo Fritsch, Prof. A. L. Daniels, Wm. Phillips Wright, W. J. Kerstetter.

Gen. Cullum then introduced the speaker of the evening, Gen. R. E. Colston, formerly of the Egyptian Army, who delivered a lecture on “The War in the Soudan for the Rescue of Gordon.”

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of April 12, 1886, held at Chickering Hall.

Hon. CHAS. P. DALY, President, took the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, on motion duly made.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

R. W. Gilder, C. C. Clarke, Arthur C. Huidekoper, Henry L. Janeway, S. G. W. Benjamin, ex-Minister to Persia.

Judge Daly then introduced to the Society Dr. Landau, a distinguished scientific traveller, recently arrived in New York, on his way to Berlin from a visit to the Philippine Islands.

Dr. Landau expressed his sense of the honor done to him, and the President then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. James Douglas, Jr., who delivered an address on “The Lines of Trans-continental Railway in America and their Geographical Features.”

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of October 8, 1886, held at Chickering Hall.

Ex-Chief-Justice DALY presided.

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

James Neilson, Rev. C. Ellis Stevens, Enrique Valenzuela, R. M. Raymond, E. C. Bridgman, J. Charles Davis, Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., Rev. J. M. Buckley, D.D., Charles E. Fitch, Hon. Addison Brown.

The President then announced that the Council had effected a lease of the property of the Society on the Boulevard between 150th and 151st Streets, subject to the approval of the Society, and Mr. W. H. H. Moore then offered the following resolutions :

The Council of the American Geographical Society take great pleasure in announcing to the members that they have leased the property of the Society, situated on the Boulevard between 150th and 151st Streets, for a term of twenty-one (21) years from the first of November, 1886, for a gross rental of eighty-six thousand seven hundred and fifty (\$86,750) dollars, with the privilege of two renewals (the taxes and repairs to be paid for by the lessee), and have given the lessees an option to purchase said property for ninety thousand (\$90,000) dollars, provided said option be exercised within ten years.

The Council authorized the making of certain necessary repairs incurring an expense of nearly three thousand five hundred (\$3,500) dollars, and desire that their action should be approved by the members of the Society : they therefore beg leave, in accordance with Section 6, Chapter XIV. of the By-laws, to offer the following resolutions :

“Resolved, That the Society hereby ratifies and approves the action of the Council in leasing to the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society the property on the Boulevard between 150th and 151st Streets for the term of twenty-one (21) years from November 1, 1886, at a gross rental of eighty-six thousand seven hundred and fifty (\$86,750) dollars, with the privilege of two renewals ;

“Resolved, That the Society further approves the action of the Council in granting to the lessees the privilege of purchasing said property for ninety thousand (\$90,000) dollars ; and the President,

with the Recording Secretary, or with the Treasurer of this Society, is hereby authorized to execute in the name of this Society such deeds or papers as may be necessary to convey said property should said Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society exercise the option of purchase within the period fixed ;

“ *Resolved*, That the action of the Council, in authorizing repairs to be made to the building on the premises so leased, be and it is in all things approved.”

The motion being put, and duly seconded, the resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote.

Judge Daly then announced that a paper would be read on the “ Nicaragua Canal,” and briefly reviewed the consistent record of the Society with regard to this route of interoceanic communication.

He paid a tribute of respect to the high qualities and the achievements of Capt. Bedford Pim, of the Royal Navy, whose death was reported by telegraph from London ; and then introduced to the Society the speaker of the evening, Commander H. C. Taylor, of the U. S. Navy, whose paper on the “ Nicaragua Canal,” in its scientific, commercial, and political aspects, was listened to with marked attention.

A vote of thanks to Commander Taylor and a request for a copy of his address for the archives of the Society were moved by Mr. F. A. Stout and unanimously passed.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of November 18, 1886, held at Chickering Hall.

Gen. GEO. W. CULLUM, Vice-President of the Society, in the chair.

It was voted, on motion, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

George B. Roys, H. M. Flagler, R. Percy Alden, Alexander Agassiz, Richard L. M. Walsh, Chas. H. Ludington, John G. Moore, William Kurtz, J. M. Muñoz, John T. Hoffman, John Notman, Phillips Phoenix, E. L. Godkin.

Count Napoléon Ney, member of the Society of Commercial Geography of Paris, was elected a Corresponding Member.

Gen. Cullum then introduced to the Society the Rev. G. E. Ellis,

President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, who delivered a lecture on the "Hudson Bay Company, 1670-1870."

Judge Daly, at the close of the lecture, expressed the pleasure with which the Society had listened to the address, and recalled his meeting, thirty-five years before, at St. Paul, Minnesota, with a party of half-breeds, descendants of Lord Selkirk's colonists on Red River. These half-breeds spoke English with a strong Scotch accent.

On motion offered by Judge Daly, the thanks of the Society were voted to Dr. Ellis for his paper, and a copy was requested for the records.

On motion, the Society then adjourned.

Meeting of December 22, 1886, held at Chickering Hall.

Ex-Chief-Justice DALY, President, took the chair.

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Judge Daly stated that the call made upon the members to increase the number of Fellows upon the roll had resulted, within a few days, in the addition of one hundred and twenty-one names, which had been passed upon by the Council. The names were then read by Mr. Harlow M. Hoyt, and on motion were declared accepted, as follows :

J. A. Bostwick, Life Fellow ; Isaac L. Rice, Life Fellow ; John E. Ward, Life Fellow ; S. V. White, Life Fellow ; J. W. Christopher, Morgan J. O'Brien, Charles Slover Allen, M.D., James B. Murray, C. Wyllys Betts, Henry V. Allien, Birdseye Blakeman, Clarence R. Conger, Edward D. Bettens, Edwin B. Smith, Hugh N. Camp, Frederick Gallatin, Alexander Bliss, Camillus G. Kidder, Abraham Jacobi, M.D., Raphael J. Moses, Jr., Eugene A. Hoffman, D.D., Wm. G. Peckham, Colgate Hoyt, John M. Bowers, J. Wells Champney, Edward Coffin, Jr., Stephen G. Clarke, John Bowne, Harold G. Henderson, Bradford W. Hitchcock, John Treat Irving, W. A. Purrington, George C. Holt, E. L. Corthell, George Calder, J. Bayard Backus, Elihu Chauncey, Robert T. B. Easton, A. K. Fiske, Rev. Robt. Collyer, D.D., Thos. G. Hillhouse, Wm. Henry Haldane, Wm. B. Neftel, M.D., W. H. Fuller, Edward L. Parris, F. R. Sturgis, M.D., Richard M. Bruns, F. S. Bradford, M.D., Howard Crosby, D.D., Geo. W. Ellis, George Gray, Edward F. De Lancey, J. E. Janvrin, M.D., James J. Goodwin, Edward H. Kendall, H. G. Pearson, D. J. Dean,

Rastus S. Ransom, Jonathan Thorne, W. H. L. Lee, Salem H. Wales, E. Judson Hawley, George L. Schuyler, W. J. Karner, W. H. Gunther, Jr., E. Jeroloman Carroll, Charles H. Griffin, Charles B. Cornell, Edward J. Berwind, John A. Affleck, Christopher Meyer, Edward F. Beddall, Lieut. Jas. C. Sandford. U.S.A., O. B. Jennings, Henry C. Cooke, Egbert Starr, Erastus Wiman, Louis F. Georger, John J. Macklin, Charles E. Smith, T. W. Pearsall, Charles W. Dayton, Alanson Cary, Thomas L. Snead, Walter Edwards, N. Denison Morgan, Ernest R. Gunther, Joseph Fettretch, James Grant, Charles E. Manierre, John A. Walker, Rush E. Avery, George H. Pings, Col. T. L. Casey, U.S.A., Chas. F. Homer, Frank S. Bond, Prof. O. T. Sherman, Parke Godwin, Horace White, Franklin L. Gunther, L. M. Hooper, David M. Hildreth, M. C. Bouvier, John Beattie, Belden J. Rogers, Joseph E. Hinds, Edward B. Willets, Henry N. Babcock, Benjamin S. Church, F. Le Roy Satterlee, M.D., Wm. P. Watson, Henry Clay Miner, J. H. Whitehouse, Alfred Zucker, George Sherman, J. Ward Grummon, John Foster Nevins, James McFarland, Charles W. Drake, Charles Pryer, Samuel M. Jackson.

Mr. W. H. H. Moore then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

“*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to select suitable candidates for officers of the Society to be elected (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter V., of the By-Laws) at the annual meeting to be held on the 11th day of January next, and to make their report to the Society at that time.”

The President named as the committee :

Nathaniel P. Bailey, *Chairman*, Clinton Roosevelt, Henry W. Dunshee.

The President then stated that the famous English scientist, Alfred Russel Wallace, who shares with Darwin the honor of having worked out the theory of evolution, would deliver an address at the annual meeting in January.

He then introduced to the Society the speaker of the evening, Prof. F. A. Ober, known for his ornithological collections, made in the Caribbee Islands, under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution.

Prof. Ober delivered a lecture on “Florida and the West Indies” ; and, on motion, the Society adjourned.